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Glassman delivers speech Thursday

By Corryn Brock
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During his State of the University address, university President David Glassman announced there are currently no plans to lay off, furlough or reduce any full time continuing employees.

Glassman said he does not anticipate that changing unless the university sends students home.

If the university does send students home, cuts would be made in housing and dining areas.

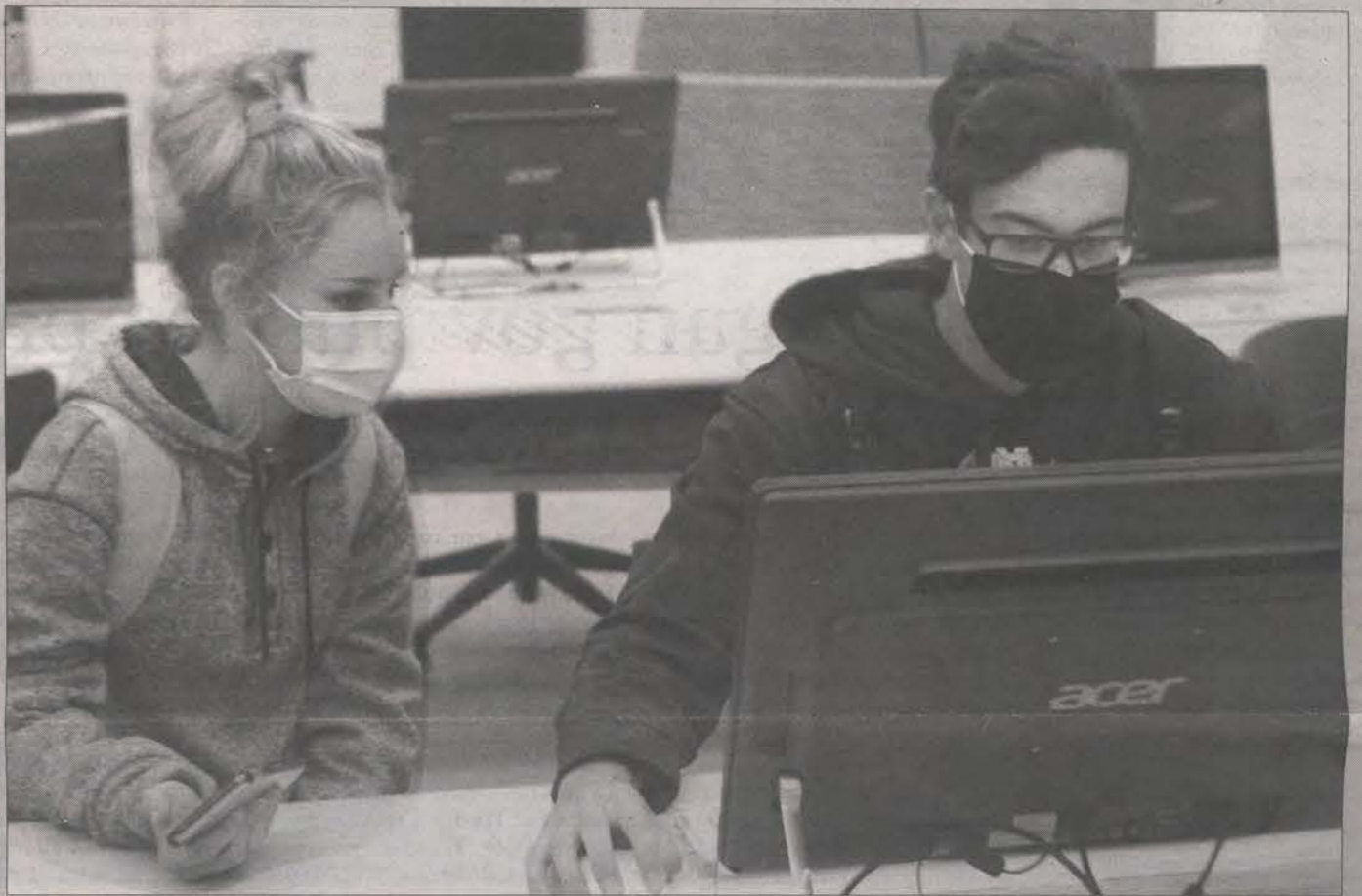
He added the university will not be able to increase salaries for non-negotiated employees, but the university hopes to be able to announce salary increases later this academic year.

Despite the university not seeing a need to reduce staffing, Glassman said it is facing significant financial costs due to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Glassman said the university is estimating

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Printing for class



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Jessica Wiesneth, a junior majoring in legal studies, and Nick Laxner, a junior majoring in construction management, spend time printing in the library for their week's classes.

Progress flag raised in ceremony Friday

By Heather Suarez
Staff Reporter | @DEN_news

On Friday, Oct. 13 at 3:30 p.m., as a part of the "We Are EIU" flagpole initiative, a Progress flag was hung in the South Quad to commemorate and celebrate LGBT students on campus.

It also celebrates Gender and Sexual Diversity History month, which spans the remainder of the month.

According to Eastern's website, "EIU's 'We Are EIU' flagpole will be used to spotlight other underrepresented groups throughout the year as well. The Black Lives Matter flag will fly from EIU's new flagpole for one week. A Progress flag, representing and honoring EIU's LGBTQ+ communities, will take its place a week after the pole's inauguration."

"The process of getting the flag up was straightforward," Tanya Willard, an advisor for EIU Pride said. "After learning from the Vice President of Student Affairs, Anne Flaherty, that the university wanted to include the Pride flag as a possibility for the 'We Are EIU' flagpole, I consulted first with the advisory committee for the Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity."

She said that instead of the Pride flag, the board suggested the Progress flag, because it is more inclusive.

The progress flag includes the traditional LGBT community, but it also emphasizes those that are transgender, marginalized people of color, for those living with HIV

or AIDS and those that have passed from it.

"The Pride executive board favored hanging the Progress flag because it is inclusive of transgender individuals and acknowledges the fact that there would be no Pride flag without Black trans and queer folks," Willard said.

Sam Hennigan, the president of EIU Pride, said that the flag helps her feel more represented on campus.

"The Pride flag has never been flown before, but having it flown now has helped me feel more comfortable being myself on campus," Hennigan said. "It is nice to know that the school believes that the LGBTQ+ community deserves a space on campus."

She said that the GSD Center is working on a petition for gender-inclusive housing on campus and works with the Gender and Sexual Diversity to help those that need its services.

The GSD supports both student and staff that support or are a part of the LGBT community, promotes inclusion in every element at Eastern, and creates a positive atmosphere and environment for those in the community.

"We plan to continue using the flagpole as a new tradition at EIU for celebrating unity and various heritage months such as Latin American Heritage Month, African American Heritage Month, LGBTQ+ History Month, and others," Eastern President David Glassman said.

Glassman also stated that EIU is committed to diversity, inclusion and equity and

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these flags represent the university's mission to provide an environment for everyone.

In an effort to create an inclusive environment, Eastern has changed its internal

policies, allowing these flags to be flown.

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Pritzker says Trump partly to blame for COVID-19 spike

CHICAGO (AP) — Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Sunday that President Donald Trump and his allies in Illinois are partly to blame for the coronavirus spike in the state.

Pritzker spoke to CNN's "State of the Union" the same day health officials announced 4,245 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 22 additional deaths.

"He's modeling bad behavior. He doesn't wear a mask in public. He has rallies where they don't encour-

age people to wear masks in public," Pritzker said. "But it is the president's allies in our state, all across the state, who are simply saying to people, 'Don't pay any attention to the mitigations, don't follow the rules.' Indeed, there are bars and restaurants which are restricted from expanding their indoor service that are just ignoring the rules, and they're just filling the place up."

Trump appeared Saturday at a rally in Wisconsin, blasting Illi-

nois' COVID-19 restrictions, saying schools should fully reopen.

"Illinois could use a new governor," Trump told supporters. "That guy doesn't know what's happened."

Pritzker, a Democrat elected in 2018, spoke to CNN days after Illinois reported a new record for COVID-19 cases, coinciding with spikes elsewhere nationwide. Illinois officials have said high testing rates are part of the reason behind the surge.

Tulsa digs again for victims of 1921 race massacre

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A second excavation begins Monday at a cemetery in an effort to find and identify victims of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre and shed light on violence that left hundreds dead and decimated an area that was once a cultural and economic mecca for African Americans.

The violence happened on May 31 and June 1 in 1921, when a white mob attacked Tulsa's Black Wall Street, killing an estimated 300 people and wounding 800 more while robbing and burning businesses, homes and churches.

The two locations to be searched are in Oaklawn Cemetery in north Tulsa, where a search for remains of victims ended without success in July, and near the Greenwood District where the massacre took place.

The earlier excavation was done in an area identified by ground-penetrating radar scans as appearing to be a human-dug pit indicative of a mass grave. It turned out to be a filled-in creek, said Mayor G.T. Bynum, who first proposed looking for victims of the violence in 2018 and later budgeted \$100,000 to fund it after previous searches failed to find victims.

The massacre — which happened two years after what is known as the "Red Summer," when hundreds of African Americans died at the hands of white mobs in violence around the U.S. — has been depicted in recent HBO shows "Watchmen" and "Lovecraft Country."

Michigan gov pushes back against Trump rally chants

DETROIT (AP) — Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Sunday that President Donald Trump is inciting "domestic terrorism" following "lock her up" chants at his rally in the state the night before.

Whitmer told NBC's "Meet the Press" that the rhetoric is "incredibly disturbing" a little more than a week after authorities announced they had thwarted an alleged plot to kidnap the Democratic governor.

"The president is at it again and inspiring and incentivizing and inciting this kind of domestic terrorism," Whitmer said. "It is

wrong. It's got to end. It is dangerous, not just for me and my family, but for public servants everywhere who are doing their jobs and trying to protect their fellow Americans. People of good will on both sides of the aisle need to step up and call this out and bring the heat down."

At a rally in Muskegon Saturday evening, Trump urged supporters to push Whitmer to reopen the state following COVID-19 restrictions. When the crowd started chanting "lock her up" Trump added, "Lock 'em all up."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, speaking on ABC's "This Week,"

said Trump's statements were "irresponsible" and accused him of injecting fear tactics.

Several Republican and Trump campaign officials appeared on Sunday news shows to defend the president.

"He wasn't doing anything, I don't think, to provoke people to threaten this woman at all. He was having fun at a Trump rally, and, quite frankly, there are bigger issues than this right now for everyday Americans," Lara Trump, the president's daughter-in-law and a senior campaign advisor, said on CNN's "State of the Union."

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\$7 million in unintended expenses and refunds by the end of the school year.

Funds from the federal CARES Act will help offset some of the estimated amount but not the full amount, however, the university is hopeful it can handle the cost regardless.

Glassman said he is hopeful funds provided by the Stimulus Act that is being negotiated in Congress will provide additional assistance to the university.

He also acknowledged that the state was able to appropriate a similar amount of funding for higher education than last year but the amount could decrease depending on the impact of the state's revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Glassman said due to the uncertainty of state funding the university is holding back five percent of the university's appropriation, totaling around \$2 million, from put into divisional budgets.

A small reduction to each Vice President's divisional budgets has been made to help offset costs of contractual agreements and financial managers will be restricted to purchasing strictly essential supplies for the current fiscal year.

Glassman also discussed the possibility of sending students home early this semester.

He acknowledged that it would not be ideal for many students to be sent home early.

"Now no one wishes for our students' on-campus experience to

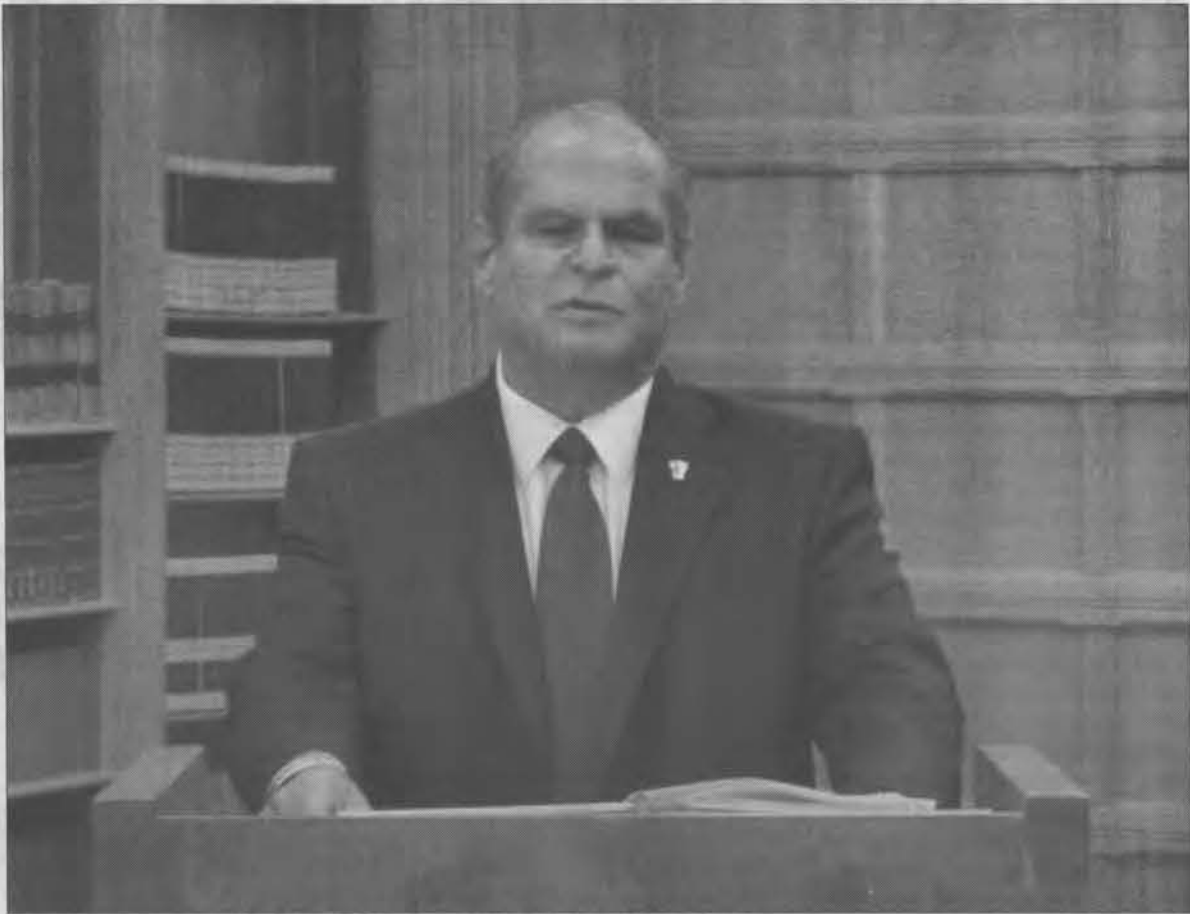
end abruptly, especially our students, who tell us time and time again how much they want to be here, how they want access to our student supports, how they want as much student-faculty engagement as possible, how they want access to our library, and how many need access to our technology, laboratories and other resources," Glassman said. "They want to continue experiencing EIU and the promises our brand provides them."

Glassman said to ensure students are not sent home early is by making "active and serious efforts" to reduce the spread of the virus.

He said that includes students, faculty, staff and the Coles County Community.

"Where we need to do a better job is making sure that our entire EIU community practices the same level of commitment and dedication to following our safety measures off campus as they have been demonstrating while on campus," Glassman said.

"The sooner everyone complies by following these simple and scientifically proven public health measures, the sooner the positivity rate in our county will go down. I want nothing more than to alleviate the fear being expressed by students wondering if they will be sent home," Glassman said. "That decision would certainly be contrary to our tremendous efforts throughout the entire summer, and completely undermine the assistance and sacrifices made by



SCREENSHOT BY ADAM TUMINO

Eastern President David Glassman delivers his State of the University address on Thursday, which was streamed live on Eastern's website.

scores of EIU employees to make our campus safe for living and learning."

Glassman also introduced new members of Eastern's administrative team:

Sean Reeder, Vice President of Business Affairs

Anne Flaherty, Vice President for Student Affairs
Ryan Gibson, Executive Director of Information Technology Services
Laretta Henderson, Dean of the College of Education
Barbara Bonnekeness, Dean of

the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
He also welcomed new faculty and staff members.

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NY Post makes careless decision with Biden story

The *New York Post* caught some criticism Wednesday with the publication of a story that they said was based on the contents of a hard drive reportedly belonging to Hunter Biden.

The story claimed that Joe Biden used his position as vice president to help Hunter Biden make money and the hard drive was given to the *Post* on Oct. 11 by President Trump's personal lawyer Rudolph Giuliani. Giuliani and former Trump adviser Steven Bannon, who is currently facing fraud charges, are the only two sources listed in the story.

There was even more criticism aimed at the *Post* Sunday when the *New York Times* reported that multiple writers declined to have their bylines appear on the story due to concerns that the material was not credible and the *Post* did not do enough to verify it.

Of the two reporters whose bylines appeared with the story, one

had no previous bylines with the *Post* and the other did not learn that her byline was attached until after the story was published, according to the *Times*' story.

We at *The Daily Eastern News* find the *Post*'s behavior to be careless and lacking journalistic integrity.

They have stood by their reporting since the story came out, despite no other publication being able to verify the information in the story.

There was no reason to publish this story if it was not verified. The *Times* reported that the *Post*'s editors felt they needed to move quickly, but since they were the only publication to have the information, this does not make much sense.

In the final weeks of a highly contentious election, and in a time when the media is under attack as "fake news," it is more important that ever to make sure that information that is published is factual.

It seems that the *New York Post* did not fulfill this responsibility.

COLUMN

Comparing Trump and Biden's dueling town halls

Trump and Biden spoke at two dueling town halls this week. The Biden town hall reached 14.1 million viewers on ABC between 8 and 9 p.m. and Trump had 13.5 million combined on NBC, CNBC and MSNBC. The town halls were scheduled at the same time, and this has caused some bad press for NBC News.

According to USA Today, "NBC News faced a sharp backlash to its decision to host President Donald Trump for a town hall Thursday in direct competition with ABC's event with Democrat Joe Biden, including a social media call to boycott the network." Biden and Harris' thoughts about the unfortunate scheduling are unclear.

During an interview with MSNBC's biggest star, Rachel Maddow, Harris was asked if she was as mad as everyone else about the town halls being scheduled at the same time. Her response was, "I'm not touching that."

Trump's town hall was a bit of a disaster. In the presidential debate, Trump claimed that he didn't know



Lindsey Ulrey

much about the Proud Boys, a violent, far-right extremist group, but he told them to "stand back and stand by," which they saw as an endorsement. In Trump's town hall, he claimed that he did not know much about QAnon, a baseless internet conspiracy theory whose followers believe that dozens of Satan-worshipping Democrats, Hollywood celebrities and billionaires run the world.

"I know nothing about QAnon," Trump said. "I do know that they are very much against pedophilia, and I agree with that." Overall, Trump took quite a different approach in his town hall than he has

in past opportunities to speak to the public.

He barely even spoke of his opponent Joe Biden. It was a breath of fresh air to hear Trump speak more of policy and less of his opponent.

In Biden's town hall, he acknowledged his mistakes concerning the 1994 Crime Bill. He also spoke about his thoughts on adding more seats to the Supreme Court. Biden said that he is "not a fan" of "court packing" because it could lead to a tit-for-tat escalation. "I'm open to considering what happens from that point on," Biden said. Biden's weaknesses were clear to see during his town hall. Biden is a stark contrast to Trump, and this can often make him look weak or impassionate.

He also does not have a strong flowing of younger voters. This could pose a problem for him. For a guaranteed win, Biden needs to gain the interest of young voters before time runs out.

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Eastern gearing up for start of season

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The Eastern men's basketball team joined the women's team in beginning a full slate of practices last week as the Nov. 25 start of the season nears.

Both basketball teams are set to be the first Eastern teams to play actual games since March, and men's basketball head coach Jay Spoonhour said he is happy to be fully back in the swing of things.

"It's always good to get back out here," he said.

Spoonhour said that, outside of the two-week delay to the start of the season, not much has changed so far for the team. The biggest changes come with new health and safety protocols.

"Keeping them healthy has become the number one priority, and then we'll have testing, so there's lost of new things we've got to kind of acclimate ourselves to," he said. "But I'm just glad to be out here. The guys are glad to be out here, and you feel like you can get something accomplished, because this is going to be a good team."

Eastern went 17-15 last season with a conference record of 9-9, earning them a sixth-place finish in the OVC.

There will be seven players returning from last season's team, four freshmen and five incoming transfers.

Spoonhour said that the new-



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Eastern guard Mack Smith drives toward the basket in a game against Tennessee Tech in Lantz Arena on Jan. 18. Eastern won the game 84-59.

comers bring varied experience to the table to mix with the seasoned returning players.

"The incoming guys have all been

other places, like Sammy Friday is a senior, so it's not as though he hasn't been coached in basketball. He's coming in as a graduate guy,

so he picks things up pretty fast," he said. "When we start talking about having everybody back it's a great thing, but we're also adding some

size that really helps us, so I feel like everybody who's returning has kind of come back a little bit better and these guys are stepping in that are just getting here and they're expecting to play. And I don't blame them. They should."

Along with Friday, transfers Madani Diarra and Barlow Alleruzzo bring size to the Panthers. Friday and Alleruzzo are each 6 foot 9 and Diarra is 6 foot 10.

As for the returners, the seven seniors were the top-seven scorers on last season's team. Guard Mack Smith was the second-leading scorer on the team last season averaging 13.4 points per game. One of the main storylines to watch when the season begins is Smith's three-pointer streak.

He ended last season with 81 straight games with a three point field goal, the longest active streak in the nation and the second-longest streak in NCAA Division I history, seven games behind the all-time record set by former Illinois player Cory Bradford.

"It doesn't happen often that somebody is chasing a record that literally thousands of guys have been on the floor and had an opportunity to do it," he said. "I'll do whatever I can, but he's definitely going to do his part in trying to make it, but it's pretty remarkable and I'm proud of him."

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